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Salve Sister Celebrates Jubilee

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Fifty years of profession as a Sister of Mercy will be celebrated by Sister Mary Martina Conley, R.S.M., on Saturday, February 24. The day's festivities will begin at St. Mary's Church, Newport with a High Mass celebrated at 11:30 A.M. A reception and dinner will follow at 1:00 P.M. at Salve Regina College.

Sister Martina, the former Helen Veronica Hurley, was born in Providence, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Conley. She attended Tyler School and was graduated from St. Xavier Academy in 1915. In August of the same year she entered the Sisters of Mercy and made her religious profession on January 2, 1918.

Sister attended Catholic University and Providence College from which she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1929. Further studies were undertaken at Boston College (M.A., 1931) and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the same institution with a specialization in history in 1940. Post doctoral work in history was pursued at Oxford University, England, in 1960.

Sister Martina's experience on all levels of education include assignments at Cleary School, Providence; Sacred Heart School, East Providence; St. Charles School, Woonsocket; St. Mary Academy, Bayview,

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where she served as principal, and St. Xavier Academy, Providence, as chairman of the history department for ten years. She has also taught at Catholic Teachers College and has been a critic teacher in the teacher training program of the Sisters of Mercy.

When Salve Regina College opened in September, 1947, Sister Martina was appointed first registrar, a position she held for seventeen years as well as handling the duties of admissions officer. Today Sister serves as Chairman of the Department of History.

Salve Regina College Alumnae Association was organized by Sister in 1951 and she continued as Moderator until 1957. She was a founder of the Salve Regina College Guild and has been its director for twenty years.

A life-long interest in education combined with a genuine liking for people--students, parents, fellow educators, members of the community--are outstanding characteristics of Sister Martina. In no small measure they have contributed to the success she has experienced in her varied undertakings.

In 1964 Sister Martina received the first Faculty Service Award, and the Alumnae Association presented their Faculty Award to her in recognition of "twenty years of devoted and loyal service to Salve Regina College."

Sister has a brother, Augustus Conley, who resides in Warwick and another brother and sister, Albert and Anne Conley, who live in Garden Hills.